

THE CROWN, STANHOE

On Monday 26th November 2007, Page Clowser, the ex-RAF landlord of The Crown (and branch member), was presented with a framed certificate of appreciation and a thank you letter to him and his customers by the President of King's Lynn branch of the Royal Air Forces Association. Page had organised a collection in memory of ex-Flight Lieutenant Alex Vale DFC, a second world war Spitfire pilot, who died in September, shortly after his 85th birthday.

Alex was shot down, and rescued by a French family, who were subsequently betrayed because of their actions. Alex spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of war, initially held in Paris, then transferred to Stalag Luft III, and he was later one of the many prisoners forced into what became known as "the long march" in the winter snow across Europe to Luckenwald where he spent the last six months of the war.

The President, Chairman and Secretary of King's Lynn RAFA attended the short ceremony, along with two local members, Pamela and Terry Austin, and Sandy Brownjohn from Stanhoe who was a close friend of Alex, and has decided to join our branch of The Royal British Legion.



Pictured, left to right:
Wg Cdr (ret'd) Vic Stapley, Sandy Brownjohn,
Page Clowser